

## FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE

MEETING OF THE V. M. L. A. LAST EVENING.

Encouraging Reports Received From the Secretary and Treasurer—On a Second Financial Meeting and the Patronage Increasing With Each Month.

An institution in which Carbondale people should take more pride, and the like of which few cities of this size can boast, held their annual meeting last evening in their room over the D. & E. Co's office on North Main street—the Young Men's Library Association. The meeting was well attended. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were received and officers for the ensuing year elected. The board of directors remains as last year, Messrs. Spencer, Peck and Harnden having been re-elected. The officers are also the same. The only change that was made was the election of J. F. Wheeler librarian, in place of E. A. Wheeler.

The report of the secretary, E. M. Peck, was as follows:

To the members of the Young Men's Library Association:

The directors beg leave to make the following report of the operation of the library for the past year. The statement of the treasurer shows a healthy condition of the finances, and is also a good indication of the character and standing of the association, after its fourteen years of existence. The circulation of books for the last six months of the year has been 1741 against 1433 for the same period of the preceding year, and seems to be a healthy increase.

Over fifty new books have been added by purchase etc. during the past year, and also the following Magazines subscribed for, Harper's, Century, Peterson's, St. Nicholas and Harper's Young People. The total number of books now in the library is 5900. The design has been and is to add new publications as called for by our patrons. A new catalogue is being prepared and will soon be ready for use, which will be a great convenience, especially for those wishing to select books at their homes.

On Oct. 3 1887 owing to change in his business, Mr. E. A. Wheeler tendered his resignation as Librarian, which in accordance with his wishes was accepted. He has held this position since the organization of the library and we feel that much of the success is due to his fidelity and active interest.

His pay for the service has been only nominal and he is deserving of great credit for his continued zeal and care for the welfare of the Association. His assistant, John F. Wheeler, was unanimously elected to fill the vacant position, and by this appointment we are assured of the same courteous treatment of our members as in the past, and that the property of the Association will be well cared for.

The treasurer, E. C. Harnden, made the following report of the Association's finances:

cash in bank	\$ 136.28
10 shares N. Y. L. & W. stock, 1000	187.75
received from Librarian, dues etc.	87.21
interest on stock	21.00
deposits	12.79
	<u>\$384.03</u>
Paid for books 100 vols.	\$107.00
sub. to 5 magazines	12.50
repairing books	24.00
coal and fuel	15.15
printing and stationery	4.81
Librarian	75.00
insurance	12.00
	<u>\$248.71</u>
Cash in M. & M. S. Bank	\$12.75
Stock on hand, 18 shares N. Y. L. & W.	187.75
	<u>\$212.50</u>
Receipts from Library	\$267.21
Expenses of	24.00
Gain for Library	21.00
Interest, stock and deposits	\$6.79 \$191.06
Expended for books	107.00
Added to amt in bank	\$2.25 \$12.50

The directors feel much encouraged at the growth during the past year and look for a larger increase in patronage during 1888.

Minutes of the V. M. L. A. held Nov 15th 1888.

and of directors met at close of meeting for organization and other business. The following were elected as the board

E. C. Spencer

H. Mansville

E. M. Peck

J. C. Harnden

John F. Wheeler was

Librarian, and salary \$75.00

also that same pay the amount is salary \$75.00

received and carried that \$100.00 voted for the Book Comm. with.

motion of J. B. Van Bergen and by John Van Bergen, it was resolved that E. C. Harnden be authorized to sell five the New York Larkana and Western by the Association.

in motion of A. Pascoe and by J. B. Van Bergen it was stated that to be instructed to purchase one and dollar Certificate of The New York, guaranteed by the del. Co.

The President named some in Books, News, Printing, and last year.

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Circulation of Books Nov 1st 1888 to Nov 1st 1889 - 3710  
last 6 months 1888